

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (amended) A component comprising:

a synthetic wood layer comprising:

cellulosic filler in an amount of about 20% to about 70% by weight; and

polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 20% to about 70% by weight, said polyvinyl chloride material comprising:

polyvinyl chloride resin;

stabilizer in an amount of about 1 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

lubricant in an amount of about 2 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

process aid in an amount of about 0.5 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

a foamed polymer layer secured to said synthetic wood layer, said foamed polymer layer comprising:

polyvinyl chloride resin;

stabilizer in an amount of about 1.5 to about 7 parts per 100 parts of said

polyvinyl chloride resin;

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lubricant in an amount of about 3 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

process aid in an amount of about 6 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

blowing agent in an amount of about 0.3 to about 1 part per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

[Please add the following new claims:]

7. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer comprises said cellulosic filler in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight.

8. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said synthetic wood layer comprises said polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 25% to about 60% by weight.

9. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said polyvinyl chloride material comprises:

said stabilizer in an amount of about 2 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said lubricant in an amount of about 4 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

said process aid in an amount of about 2 to about 6 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

10. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said polyvinyl chloride material further comprises inorganic filler in an amount up to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

11. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said foamed polymer layer comprises:

said stabilizer in an amount of about 2 to about 4 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said lubricant in an amount of about 4 to about 6 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

said process aid in an amount of about 8 to about 11 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin; and

said blowing agent in an amount of about 0.5 to about 0.8 part per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

12. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said foamed polymer layer further comprises inorganic filler in an amount of about 6 to about 11 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

13. (new) The component of claim 1 wherein said foamed polymer layer further comprises cellulosic filler in an amount of about 20 to about 55 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

14. (new) A component comprising:

a synthetic wood layer comprising:

cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight; and

polypropylene material in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight, said polypropylene material comprising:

polypropylene resin; and

lubricant in an amount of about 10 to about 20 parts per 100 parts

of said polypropylene resin; and

a foamed polypropylene layer secured to said synthetic wood layer.

15. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is chemically bonded to said foamed polypropylene layer.

16. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secured to said foamed polypropylene layer by an adhesive.

17. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein said synthetic wood layer is secured to said foamed polypropylene layer by a mechanical fastening device.

18. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein the component is of a type selected from the group consisting of fence components, furniture components, cabinet components, storage device components, lawn edging components, flower box components, floor components, roof components, wall covering components, building siding components, basement floor components, basement wall covering components, decorative house molding components, crown molding components, chair rail components, picture frame components, porch deck components, deck railing components, window molding components, window components, door components, and door moldings.

19. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein:

said synthetic wood layer comprises said cellulosic filler in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight; and

said synthetic wood layer comprises said polypropylene material in an amount of about 40% to about 50% by weight.

20. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein said polypropylene material comprises said lubricant in an amount of about 14 to about 19 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.

21. (new) The component of claim 14 wherein said polypropylene material further comprises inorganic filler in an amount up to about 70 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.
